

I am very distressed to learn about the move to eliminate the ban on cross-ownership of news media. Concentration of ownership means a very real loss of news and information, which Americans can hardly afford in this day and age.

In no way should a newspaper and a television station be owned by the same company. Nor should a cable company be owned by a newspaper or television company. It's simply too much control in too few hands -- and it clearly will result in Americans knowing even less than they do now.

In allowing such concentration of power in the media, the FCC will seriously undermine one of our basic rights, that of a free press. A truly free press requires diversity of opinion, which simply is not possible when one company owns all avenues of the media.